

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of	)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the	)	
Delivery of Video Programming	)	

**COMMENTS OF  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

The Charter Township of Springfield submits these comments in response to the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming.”

**Springfield Township** is a Charter Township of Oakland County in the U.S. State of Michigan. As of the 2010 census, the township population was 13,940.

**[To the extent possible, please respond fully to the following questions. It is not necessary to answer every question. Rather, the goal is to inform the Commission on how PEG services are delivered in your community. In your answer to #1, please include the name(s) of the MVPD operator(s) in your jurisdiction.]**

1. How many channels does your MVPD operator(s) provide for PEG programming?  
*Comcast provides one PEG programming channel. Other MVPD operators in Springfield Township include AT&T U-Verse, DirecTV and Dish Network. These operators do not provide PEG channels.*
2. On which tier are these channels placed and is extra equipment required to view them?  
*Springfield Township’s PEG channel is placed on all tiers of Comcast programming. Until recently, Comcast’s lowest tier of programming required no extra equipment for viewing; however, Comcast is currently in the process of ‘digitizing’ its signal, and is requiring a digital conversion box for subscribers in ‘digitized’ areas. Comcast is providing the conversion box free of charge to subscribers.*

3. Are there more or fewer PEG channels carried on MVPD systems than were carried as of June 2010? *The same.*

4. What data sources exist to track the availability of PEG programming? *Unsure.*

5. **[Please answer if you are in an AT&T U-verse community. Is there any evidence that AT&T's "Channel 99 PEG product" has hurt PEG viewership? Have there been any consumer complaints about PEG accessibility on U-verse?]**

*Springfield Township is not aware of any detrimental effect on Comcast PEG viewership resulting from AT&T's "Channel 99". The Township has received a handful of resident complaints about a lack of PEG accessibility on U-verse.*

6. **[Provide general information about PEG programming in your community. If applicable, explain how cutbacks in financing, state law changes, new technology, and so on have affected PEG programming in your community. In responding, keep in mind that you are "telling your story" of how PEG service are delivered in your community.]**

*Springfield Township employs its PEG channel as a means of delivering important information to the public. This includes information about government programs, emergency weather or traffic alerts, office closings, elections and important dates or events. Springfield also broadcasts its Township Board meetings on the PEG channel. Changes in technology have allowed Springfield Township to provide PEG programming more efficiently, and in the future should allow for wider and more effective information delivery to the public. Cutbacks in financing and state law changes have not noticeably impacted PEG programming.*

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